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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 9/7/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's reply fails to conform to 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b), which states "*The reply must present arguments pointing out the specific distinctions believed to render the claims, including any newly presented claims, patentable over any applied references*", and "*A general allegation that the claims define a patentable invention without specifically pointing out how the language of the claims patentably distinguishes them from the references does not comply with the requirements of this section*". With respect to the Applicant's response dated 9/7/2007, Applicant indicates that the previous claims are cancelled and thus their rejection is moot in view of the newly added claims, which function to further recite features of the invention. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Grant Ford whose telephone number is (571)272-8630. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5:30 Mon-Thurs alternating Fridays.


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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharra can be reached on (571)272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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